Night landing facilities at Visakhapatnam and Vijayawada Airport

749. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress made so far in providing night landing facilities at Visakhapatnam and Vijayawada airports;

(b) what is the target date by which work in this regard will be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) The Visakhapatnam airfield belongs to Indian Navy. There is no immediate plan to instal night landing facilities there. The work relating to installation of night landing facilities at Vijayawada airport which belongs to National Airports Authority is in progress and is likely to be completed by the end of December, 1990.

Upgrading Hyderabad Airport to International standard

750. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for upgrading the standard of Hyderabad airport to international level; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what progress has so far been made in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Facilities available at Hyderabad airport are of international standard.

(b) Does not arise.

Private or joint sector participation in power production

751. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the policy of Government regarding production of power in private or joint sector; and

(b) has any private sector approached Government with such a proposal ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) The policy with regard to the generation and distribution of electricity continues to be regulated by the Industrial Policy Resolution, 1956. While some parties have evinced interest in the setting up of a Thermal Power Station in the private sector, no detailed proposal in this regard has been received so far.

Period of posting of staff in the Central Council of Research in Unani Medicines

752. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any fixed time-limit of period of posting of administrative, medical and paramedical staff in the Central Council of Research in Unani Medicines in Delhi and outside Delhi;

(b) if so, what is the period fixed for such staff, post-wise and how many of them have completed their normal tenure and are overstaying as on 28th February, 1990; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to transfer such staff members from Delhi to outside stations and *vice-versa* ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Post of Pharmacist in the CGHS Homoeopathic dispensary, Dev Nagar, Delhi

753. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 69 given in the Rajya Sabha on 18th July, 1989; and state;

(a) whether the vacant post of Pharmacist in the CGHS Homoeopathic Dispensary, Dev Nagar, Delhi has since been filled up; if so, when and if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(b) by when it is likely to be filled up ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) The post of Pharmacist in CGHS Homoeopathy Dispensary Dev Nagar has been filled up w.e.f. 28-2-90.

(b) Does not arise.

754. [*Transferred to the 22nd March*, 1990]

Tidal Power Project in Gulf of Kutch

755. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 190 and Unstarred Question 2103 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 31st July, 1989 and 13th March, 1989, respectively and state:

(a) whether a techno-economic evaluation has been carried out on the feasibility report for the tidal power project in Gulf of Kutch and whether further investigations and studies on certain aspects of the project were also made and if so, what are those aspects, the findings of the studies and final decision, if any, arrived at;

(b) what are the salient features of the project;

(c) whether Government have also considered projects for coastal places other than Gulf of Kutch; if so, what are their names and with what results; and

(d) what are the names of places in other countries where tidal power projects are a success and to what extent ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Further investigations and studies considered necessary in the course of techno-economic evaluation of the feasibility report for the tidal power project in Gulf of Kutch are under progress. The work in regard to ground survey to transfer the revised alignment through Naviwat and Hadkiya creeks and deep bore holes of 30 metre depth each on either banks of Hadkiya creek and one 50 metre deep hole in dry dock area have been completed. Besides, 10 metre hand auger holes along the revised alignment of the embankment on Sathasaida bet are under progress. The investigations/ tests involving under water core drilling in the Hansthal creek could not, however, be taken up so far due to non-availability of the specialised drilling vessel during the current working season. In view of the continuing investigations no final decision has yet been taken about the project.

(b) The project envisages an installation of 36 units of 25 MW each totalling 900 MW with expected generation of about 1690 GWH (million units) annually.